AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) In a computer system having a graphical user interface including a display and a pointing device, a[[A]] method for organizing and displaying items for [[a]] the user interface, the method comprising:

displaying a plurality of three-dimensional items on the display, each three-dimensional item representing user information, wherein; and arranging the three-dimensional items are arranged around a perimeter of a given geometric shape forming a portion of a closed area such that the three-dimensional items are positioned along the perimeter and are capable of being rotated around the perimeter, and wherein the three-dimensional items include a focus item and one or more additional items; at least one peripheral item adjacent the focus item.

receiving an item selection signal indicative of a user selection of a selected item from the one or more additional items by a user positioning a cursor over the selected item using the pointing device; and

based on the item selection signal, rotating the three-dimensional items around the perimeter causing the selected item be displayed as a new focus item.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more additional items include further comprising a peripheral item adjacent the focus item on each side of the focus item.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2[[1]], further comprising arranging at least one background item adjacent the peripheral item.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein arranging the three-dimensional items along a perimeter comprises arranging the three-dimensional items along an arc of an ellipse.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein arranging the three-dimensional items along a perimeter comprises arranging the three-dimensional items along an arc of a circle.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising scaling the focus item to a first set width and scaling each peripheral at least one of the additional items to a second set width, wherein the first set width is greater than the second set width.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising scaling the focus item to a first set width, scaling each the peripheral item to a second set width, and scaling each background item to a third set width, wherein the first set width is greater than the second set width and the second set width is greater than the third set width.

8.   (Canceled)

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1[[8]], wherein the selected item user request comprises selection of the a peripheral item adjacent to the focus item, and wherein rotating the three-dimensional items includes rotating the focus item to a peripheral position thereby causing the focus item to become a new peripheral item and the peripheral item to a focus position thereby causing the peripheral item to become a new focus item.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying metadata relevant to the focus item and each peripheral item.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1[[8]], wherein rotating the three-dimensional items comprises, for each three-dimensional item, computing a starting point angle, computing an ending point angle, and interpolating between the computed angles.

12.   (Original) A computer readable medium storing executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

13.   (Currently Amended) One or more computer-storage media embodying a[A]] computerized system for organizing and displaying information to a user, the system comprising:

item controls for displaying a plurality of three-dimensional items, each three-dimensional item providing access to information, wherein the plurality of three-dimensional items include a focus item and one or more additional items;

orientation controls for arranging the three-dimensional items around a perimeter of a given geometric shape that forms a portion of a closed area, the three-

dimensional items being positioned along the perimeter and capable of being rotated around the perimeter; ~~and~~

scalability controls for scaling [[a]] <u>the</u> focus item to have a first set width and at least one ~~peripheral~~ <u>of the additional</u> item<u>s</u> to have a second set width smaller than the first set width<u>; and</u>[[.]]

<u>a rotation control module for rotating the three-dimensional items around the perimeter upon receiving an item selection signal indicative of a user selection of a selected item from the one or more additional items by a user positioning a cursor over the selected item using a pointing device, wherein the selected item becomes a new focus item.</u>

14.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> ~~system~~ of claim 13, wherein the item controls position a first peripheral item adjacent the focus item on a first side and a second peripheral item adjacent the focus item on a second side.

15.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> ~~system~~ of claim <u>14</u>[[13]], wherein the item controls arrange at least one background item adjacent <u>to at least one of</u> the <u>first and second</u> peripheral item<u>s</u>.

16.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> ~~system~~ of claim 13, wherein the perimeter comprises an elliptical arc.

17.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> ~~system~~ of claim 13, wherein the perimeter comprises a circular arc.

18.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> <s>system</s> of claim <u>14</u>[[13]], wherein the scalability controls further comprise means for scaling the focus item to [[a]] <u>the</u> first set width and scaling each peripheral item to [[a]] <u>the</u> second set width, wherein the first set width is greater than the second set width.

19.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> <s>system</s> of claim 15, wherein the scalability controls further comprise means for scaling the focus item to [[a]] <u>the</u> first set width, scaling each peripheral item to [[a]] <u>the</u> second set width, and scaling each background item to a third set width, wherein the first set width is greater than the second set width and the second set width is greater than the third set width.

20.   (Canceled)

21.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> <s>system</s> of claim <u>14</u>[[20]], wherein the <u>selected item</u> <s>user request</s> comprises <s>selection of</s> the <u>first</u> peripheral item, and the rotation control module rotates the focus item to a peripheral position thereby causing the focus item to become a new peripheral item and the <u>first</u> peripheral item to a focus position thereby causing the <u>first</u> peripheral item to become a new focus item.

22.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> <s>system</s> of claim 13, further comprising information display controls for displaying metadata relevant to the focus item <s>and each peripheral item</s>.

23.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> <s>system</s> of claim 13, further comprising view change controls for altering an appearance of an item upon a change in item status.

24.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> ~~system~~ of claim 13, wherein the perimeter comprises a triangular border.

25.   (Currently Amended) The <u>one or more computer-storage media</u> ~~system~~ of claim 13, wherein the perimeter comprises a rectangular border.